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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed.

Japan 9-146024
Japan 2000-131634
Japan 2000-292723
Japan 2002-189180

Full English language translations for each of the above-cited Japanese references have been prepared and are enclosed.

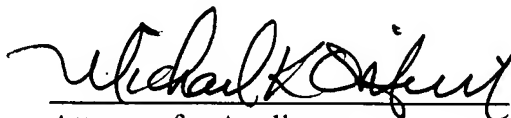
- All of the above-cited Japanese references were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, together with a full English translation thereof, is enclosed. The

Japanese Office Action is dated July 2, 2007. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

This application has received a Notice Of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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